

The following communication from his Excellency the Governor, was then taken from the Speaker's table and read :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
AUSTIN, Texas, 23d Aug. 1856. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*and of the House of Representatives :*

I return herewith, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, "An act to create the county of Hardin. I learn on examination at the General Land Office, that the county proposed to be created by this act, contains less than six hundred square miles.

The Constitution, according to my view of it, does not authorize the creation of a new county, containing a less area than nine hundred square miles. A similar act was returned to the Senate with this objection, at the first part the of present session, and the objection was there sustained.

Believing this act to be unconstitutional, I return it to you for reconsideration.

E. M. PEASE.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the communication was taken up and acted upon, and the House refused to pass the bill over the objections of the Governor.